**Adverse effect of Chinese toys on Indian**

†2036. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a heavy obstacle has come up in the development of Indian toys industries owing to the Chinese toys in large quantity in the Indian markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received some complaints/suggestions from the manufacturers of Indian toys in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action proposed by Government to accelerate the growth of domestic toys industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) Certain suggestions from The Toy Association of India have been received. The suggestions, *inter-alia*, includes the intervention of the Government in setting up of Research & Development, Design & Testing Facilities and Marketing support for the Toy sector.

(e) Most of the units operating in the toy sector are micro and small enterprises. Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing programs for the micro and small enterprises including toy industry. Such programs, *inter-alia,* include assistance for technology upgradation under Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS), incentives for obtaining ISO/9000-14001 etc. and creation of Testing facilities at Regional Testing Centers at New Delhi and Mumbai. Ministry of MSME also implemented National Program for the Development of the Toy Industry (NPDTI), Jointly with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

**Production and export of fruits and vegetables**

†2037. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being implemented to encourage the production of fruits and vegetables in various States;

(b) if so, the foreign exchange earned during the last year as well as the current year by the various States through the export of both the above items;

(c) whether the Ministry is formulating any scheme to encourage the fruits and vegetables producers of the States in which large quantity of unseasonal vegetables can be produced; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern and Himalayan States and National Horticulture Mission for production of fruits and vegetables in various states.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The foregin exchange earned from export of fresh fruits and vegetables from various States and Union Territories during the last three years is given below.

(Value: Rupees in crore)

| Year | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Value | 1363.71 | 1658.71 | 2411.65 | 1447.38* |

Source: DGC&IS *Provisional for April-October 2007

(c) No, Sir. The Ministry of Agriculture is already implementing the Scheme on Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern and Himalayan States under which assistance is provided to the producers for production of unseasonal vegetables.

(d) Does, not arise.

**SEZs approved by Government**

2038. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SEZs approved by Government in 2007-08;

(b) the State-wise location of such SEZs approved;

(c) whether it is a fact that no public announcement was made of the SEZ clearances;

(d) the reasons for this stealthy way of clearance; and

(e) the measures proposed to give publicity and transparency to the SEZ operators, clearance and approvals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) State-wise distribution of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) approved during 2007-08 is enclosed as statement (*see* below).

(c) to (e) Details of all approvals granted for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and other details relating to investment, employment and exports are placed on the website of the Department of Commerce and these are updated from time to time.

***Statement***

*State-wise Distribution of approved Special Economic Zones in 2007-08*

| Sl. No. | State | Formal approvals |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 26 |
| 2. | Chattisgarh | 1 |
| 3. | Delhi | 1 |
| 4 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 4 |
| 5. | Goa | 3 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 23 |